GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF SURPLUS STOCKS BY FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have framed any policy to decongest the godowns of FCI byselling the surplus stock of foodgrains at cheaper/concessional rates lesser than the administered price of foodgrains being sold through PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the organisations and others to which the concessional rates will apply?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b)&(c): Government has taken a number of measures to liquidate the excess stocks of foodgrains. These include, inter-alia, increase in the allocation of foodgrains for BPL families under TPDS, downward revision of Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of wheat and rice, open market sale of wheat and rice at reduced rates, allocation of foodgrains at BPL rates to the State Governments for undertaking `Food for work Programme`, allotment of foodgrains at BPLrates for various welfare schemes of the Government and export of wheat and rice. However, no sale is being undertaken below BPL rates.

Apart from decongesting the godowns of FCI, the above measures would help differenttypes of beneficiaries under the schemes mentioned above.